

PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
Filed: February 15, 2002)
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT) Confirmation No.: 2841

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of June 3, 2004. A fee of \$490.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 2, 2004

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